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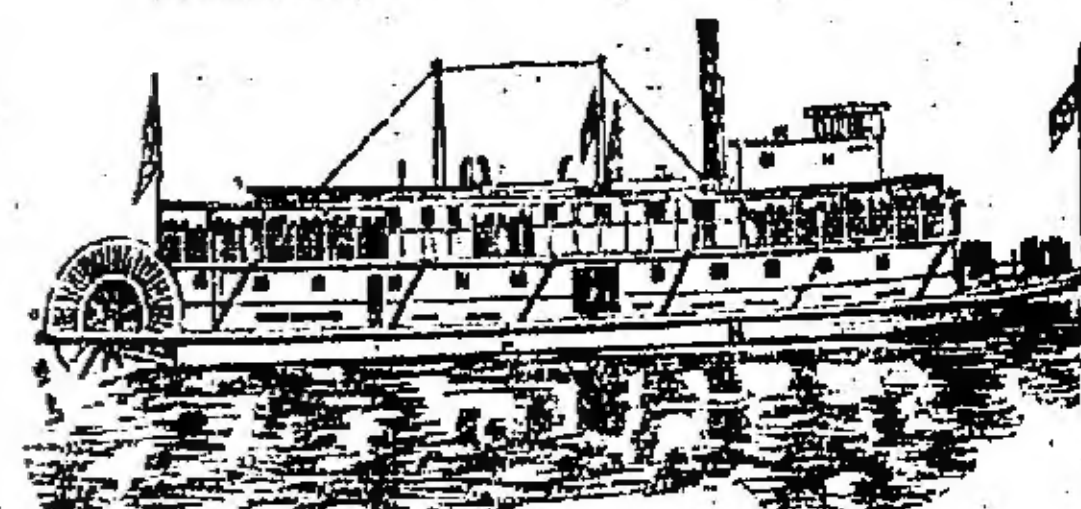
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the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Court of Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
(Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 29, 1904. 204

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
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Hongkong, February 1, 1904. 209

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (Noon),
to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1903, and the Report of the
General Managers, and to elect a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

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pany will be CLOSED from the 26th inst.
to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 10, 1904. 280

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PANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road
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October last. After the Government had several times pressed Russia for her decision on the matter, a reply, after long delay, was received on the 11th December. In that reply Russia struck out all the proposals relating to Manchuria and offered to negotiate on the Korean question only, insisting on her demand that Japan should bind herself not to use any part of Korea for strategic purposes. She also pressed for the formation of a neutral zone in Korea as originally proposed.

The exclusion of Manchuria from the subject of the negotiations, as desired by Russia, was of course quite inconsistent with the principle and policy of the Imperial Government, and with the spirit in which Japan entered upon the negotiations—her aspirations being to see no friendly arrangement in regard to the interests of both Powers in Manchuria and Korea, and to remove those causes which might generate misunderstandings in the future. The Imperial Government on the 21st December last requested Russia to reconsider her proposals, and once more proposed to put on the restriction that the territory of Korea must be withdrawn if negotiations were to continue. The Japanese Government suggested that the proposal to form a neutral zone be altogether struck out, if Russia did not agree to the zone proposed by Japan.

The reply to this Note came on the 6th January, and in it Russia insisted that the creation of a neutral zone in Korea and the restrictions upon Japan in Korean territory should stand as first proposed by Russia. On this condition Russia agreed to include in the agreement a recognition of the rights and special privileges (exclusive of foreign settlements) acquired by Japan and other Powers in Manchuria by treaty with China. Nothing was said regarding the integrity of Chinese territory. An assurance given without an agreement for the integrity of territory is practically of no value, because treaty rights would vanish together with loss of sovereignty. If Russia annexes Manchuria, all the rights and privileges obtained by other Powers by virtue of treaties with China would necessarily disappear with the loss of Chinese sovereignty. The Imperial Government deemed it necessary therefore to induce Russia by all means to agree to respect the territorial integrity of China. It was clear that the restriction put on the formation (in Manchuria) of foreign settlements is in conflict with the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation signed between Japan and China, and the Imperial Government therefore struck out the clause proposed. As to the question of Korea, Japan's demand formed an irreducible minimum. The Imperial Government decided to stand firmly on the position taken up. On the 13th January Russia was once more requested to reconsider her proposals. Since then a reply has been repeatedly asked for. Russia, however, not only has not replied, but did not even appoint a date for reply.

The Imperial Government has always endeavoured to observe principle and impartiality, and in the negotiations with Russia made no demands of an extortionate nature, merely requesting the Russian Government to acknowledge a principle it has repeatedly and voluntarily proclaimed. Yet the Russian Government absolutely declined the request of the Imperial Government, and, moreover, unduly delayed to reply, at the same time strenuously pushing forward her preparations for war on land and sea, and placing on the Korean frontier a great force of troops. The Imperial Government is sincerely desirous of maintaining peace, and has so far shown the utmost patience, but Russia's action has at last compelled the Imperial Government to abandon the hope of any amicable solution of the question, to break off negotiations, and to break off diplomatic relations.

After the Minister's speech, which was listened to with close attention, representatives of foreign journals as well as Japanese being present, the press representatives were entertained at dinner.—Kobe Chronicle.

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All thinkers are agreed that the ultimate destiny of this continent is uncertain. They differ in opinion in respect of its temporary changes, but its final form. That the Dutch and British elements here will eventually merge into one virile race, strengthened by streams of blood from the most energetic races of other countries, may be confidently predicted; and the Africanity of the future should be—say, it is safe to say will be—a grand specimen of the great man.

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Blenheim	crucier, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain F. G. Stopford	Wahaiwei
Brantford	gunboat, 1st class	710	8	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Singapore
Britannia	gunboat, 1st class	710	8	1300	Lieut.-Com. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Centurion	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Fegan	Amoy
Cressy	crucier, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	580	—	950	Comdr. Robert H. S. Stokes	Singapore
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Sparrowhawk	torpedo boat destroyer	335	6	6300	—	Hongkong
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Tamar	crucier, 2nd class	4650	6	—	—	Chemulpo
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Comdr. A. G. Robinson	Hongkong
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Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Verney	Hongkong
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Avalanche	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Horon	Haiphong
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Bugeaud	French cruiser	8018	18	—	Captain V. Poidrons	Chamulpo
Chateaufort	French gunboat	825	—	—	Commodore Louet	Haiphong
Comete	French gunboat	890	—	—	Commodore G. Guthrie	Saigon
Decade	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Le Gouler	Haiphong
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécue	Saigon
Lion	French gunboat	9700	12	19,600	Captain Arce	Saigon
Montcalm	French cruiser	4015	27	8500	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Oly	French gunboat	9437	8	6071	Captain Soule	Chamulpo
Pascal	French cruiser	1798	10	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Redoubtable	French cruiser	629	2	900	Captain Thomas	Hongkong
Syrus	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Surprise	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Takling	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Galliard	Saigon
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	Captain Blondie	Along Bay
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Bussard	German cruiser	1857	15	2900	Comdr. Huss	Amoy
Fürst Bismarck	German flag-ship	11,000	38	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Shanghai
Goer	German cruiser	1775	16	2800	Comdr. Wichmann	Port Arthur
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Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Dick	Shanghai
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Pionmonte	Italian cruiser	2427	34	12,000	Captain Ducrene	Shanghai
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	24	6820	Captain Zeri	Shanghai
Vettor Pisani	Italian cruiser	6500	18	13,000	Capt. Calli	Nagasaki
Dia	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Diogo de Sa	Macao
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Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Capt. Reissenscheit	Sunk
Bayan	Russian cruiser	7800	10	16,500	—	Port Arthur
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	3200	6	—	—	Chamulpo
Bobru	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Erjckovitch	Port Arthur
Bogaty	Russian cruiser	6840	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Diana	Russian cruiser	6751	6	—	—	Port Arthur
Dighile	Russian gunboat	1456	9	1700	Capt. Nesterowsky	Port Arthur
Guidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	1650	Comdr. Yurist	Port Arthur
Gremastchey	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagarsky	Port Arthur
Gromobol	Russian cruiser	12,384	44	14,500	Captain Jessen	Vladivostok
Gulnik	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Sunk
Korsetz	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1600	Comdr. Novakowsky	Sunk
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Commodore Crown	Port Arthur
Navarin	Russian battleship	10,208	12	16,000	—	Port Arthur
Novik	Russian cruiser	1490	6	8000	Comdr. Vasilief	Port Arthur
Otravny	Russian cruiser	6731	12	—	—	Port Arthur
Pallada	Russian gunboat	12,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Aschoe
Pervoviet	Russian gunboat	10,980	16	10,500	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Potrovpavlovsk	Russian gunboat	12,674	15	14,500	Capt. Zatsarieng	Port Arthur
Pobeda	Russian gunboat	10,980	16	10,500	Captain Oseroff	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	1234	10	1750	Comdr. Livon	Chamulpo
Rashovskiy	Russian cruiser	12,902	16	16,000	—	Aschoe
Relizwan	Russian battleship	12,200	68	17,000	Captain Spelersennikoff	Vladivostok
Rosin	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	13,500	Capt. Matsusovich	Vladivostok
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,980	16	10,500	Captain Serebrennikoff	Vladivostok
Svetopol	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Ivanoff	Port Arthur
Slavich	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1180	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Sivorch	Russian gunboat	12,902	36	16,300	—	Port Arthur
Tsarvitch	Russian battleship	12,902	36	16,300	Capt. Bahr	Aschoe
Varyag	Russian cruiser	6500	9	3300	Comdr. Zagoriansky	Sunk
Vasutik	Russian gunboat	1230	9	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Zabiyaka	Russian cruiser	1600	15	1194	—	Port Arthur
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3300	—	—	Capt. J. H. Rodgers	Honolulu
Calico	U. S. cruiser	235	—	—	Lieut. M. L. Miller	Hongkong
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	8213	—	—	Capt. H. E. Mason	Honolulu
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1140	—	1600	—	Singapore
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	640	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Hood	Shanghai
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1958	Comdr. Staunton	Shanghai
Kearsy	U. S. flag-ship	11,500	41	10,000	Captain R. M. Berry	Honolulu
Moundack	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Shanghai
Munosey	U. S. gunboat	1370	6	850	Comdr. Denfield	Tait
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5944	Comdr. W. H. Beahler	Canton
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3197	20	—	Commodore Blockinger	Honolulu
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,233	46	—	Captain Jewell	Kobe
Rainbow	U. S. cruiser	4000	—	—	Commodore G. L. Dyar	Honolulu
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	3213	—	—	Captain Nazaro	Honolulu
Richburg	U. S. cruiser	1000	18	1118	Commodore Marshall	Chamulpo
Villabona	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. L. C. Bortolotto	Shanghai
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1897	8	1894	Commodore U. A. Harris	Chaofo

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.
9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, at the City Hall.Amusements.
6 p.m. - A. D. C. Performance at the
City Hall.Miscellaneous.
Transfer Bonds of The Hongkong Fire
Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this
date to the 5th March inclusive.
Stocks per *Whampoa* undelivered after
noon on this date landed.

General Memoranda.

Monday, February 22 -
9 a.m. - Meeting of Hongkong and Wham-
poa Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's
Office.
9.30 p.m. - Auction of The Moss Gear of
the *Wardroom* of H.M.S. *Glory*, at
Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sale Rooms.Tuesday, February 23 -
Transfer Bonds of The China Fire In-
surance Co., Ltd., close from this date to
the 10th March inclusive.Wednesday, February 24 -
9 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of Hong-
kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the
Company's Office.Thursday, March 3 -
11.30 a.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of
The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
at the Company's Office.A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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BIRTH.
On 17th February, at Wanchai Road,
the wife of EMMETT F. GIBSON, of a Son.
DEATH.
On the 7th February, at 'St. Helen's',
28-A, Syed Alley Road, Newton, Singa-
pore, LAURA HELEN, the beloved wife of
Dr J. M. Handy.The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS proved road communi-
cation at Kowloon ap-
pears to have been
fairly taken in hand by the Govern-
ment. A road, 100 feet wide, is now in
course of construction from the neigh-
bourhood of the Glass Factory in Hung
Hom Bay to the Chinese Theatre at
Yaumati. Here, we understand, it is
to connect with the continuation of
Robinson Road, to be made 100 feet
wide, and also with a branch road 100
feet wide which will pass to the south
of the Gas Works and reach the harbour
at the north of the Naval Coal Depot.A 100-foot road has also been laid out
on the east side of the Peninsula from
Hung Hom to Kowloon City, and it is
proposed, eventually, to carry the con-
tinuation of Robinson Road, 100 feet
wide, round the bay at the back of
Stonecutter Island to Lai-chi-kok. Ad-
vantage has been taken of the building of
the small railway for the reclamation at
Kowloon Point to cut off an ugly corner
in the road at Gun Club Hill, thus
making a considerable improvement in
the road between the Ferry and the
Docks.The proposal for diverting the Ferry
traffic from the Kowloon Wharves to
a pier to be built at the end of a
continuation of Salisbury Road is again
under discussion, and we understand
there is now a fair prospect of carrying
the scheme through.The Kowloon Waterworks are making
fair progress. The building of the main
reservoir dam has been commenced,
tunnelling is in progress on the line
where the conduit is to pass through
the west end of the Kowloon range
of hills, and a service reservoir to hold
two million gallons is nearing comple-
tion on a hill just over the old boundary
line.A much-needed disinfecting station
is being built at Yaumati to obviate
the necessity of carrying infected
clothing across the harbour.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Plague.

The body of a Chinaman who had died
from plague was found in Aberdeen Street
to-day. This makes the third case in the
Colony this year.

Shipbuilding at Shanghai.

It will be learnt with great interest
(says the *N. C. Daily News*) that Messrs S.
C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd., have re-
ceived an order from the China Merchants'
Steam Navigation Co. to build a steel twin-
screw steamer of the following dimen-
sions :-Length..... 330ft.
Breadth..... 44
Depth moulded to upper deck..... 24The vessel will be fitted with two sets of
triple expansion engines of sufficient power
to attain the speed of 13 knots. The dead-
weight capacity on 12ft. mean draft will be
about 1,750 tons. The steam steering gear
and windlass will be of the Clarke, Chapman
type. The general outline of the accommo-
dation is as follows: European state-
rooms contained in a large deck-house
placed on the hurricane deck forward
of the engine and boiler space. The
1st-class Chinese state-rooms to be placed
forward on the upper deck with a
large saloon opening off from the rooms.
The 2nd-class accommodation to be fitted
amidships on the upper deck, and also on
the after end of the hurricane deck, making
accommodation for about 150 passengers.
The 3rd-class accommodation to be fitted
on the after end of the upper deck for
about 200 passengers; quartermasters,
stewards, etc., to be placed alongside the
engine casing on the hurricane deck. Cap-
tain's officers, and engineers' accommo-
dation to be fitted in a deckhouse on the
hurricane deck. Electric light to be laid
throughout the vessel, and the light and
ventilating arrangement to be a special
feature in the design. The vessel, which
is to be finished in the most modern style,
is destined for the Yangtze trade, to run
between Shanghai and Hankow.

How to Stop a Cough.

A simple but effective remedy is the fol-
lowing: -
Breathing through the nostrils, inhale a
full breath as slowly as is possible without
causing fatigue. Expose the breath in the
same manner, and repeat the operation ten
times. This will stop the coughing for ab-
out a quarter of an hour. Take a dose of
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy during this
time, and the medicine will have a better op-
portunity to act and will speedily effect a
complete cure. It always cures all coughs
quickly. For sale by all chemists and
medicine vendors: WATKINS Ltd., General
Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The *Deveres* is a total loss on the
Paracels.Sir Henry Blake is grappling with the
problem of police reform in Ceylon.Sir Frederick Treves was to leave
Calcutta for Ceylon about the 5th inst.An important statement by Japan's
Foreign Minister will be found on Pages
2 and 3.Rain marred the brilliancy of the State
procession at the opening of the British
Parliament on the 2nd inst.Captain Robert J. Prendergast, R.N.,
has been appointed an assistant to the
Director of Naval Ordnance, Admiralty.The King of Italy has bestowed upon
Mr William Le Queux, the novelist, the
cross of the Order of the Crown of Italy.During the past week, two fatal cases
of plague (Chinese) were reported in the
Colony, and one case of enteric fever
(Japanese).The Hon. Mr F. A. Cooper, C.M.G.,
Director of Public Works of Ceylon, who
has been on leave for a year, returns to
Ceylon about the 5th proximo.The Ceylon Legislative Council is
considering a proposal to increase Sir
Henry Blake's salary. The present salary
of the Governor of Ceylon is Rupees 80,000.

The 'King Alfred's' Departure.

The 1st class cruiser *King Alfred*, which
arrived here from England on February
14th, with a relief crew for H.M.S. *Glory*,
will leave to-morrow with the old crew and
officers of the battleship.

Farewell to the Men.

In the Soldiers and Sailors' Home,
Arsenal Street, last night, a farewell concert
was given to the crew of the *Glory*, who
leave for home on the *King Alfred*. The
chair was occupied by the Mr J. J. Bullen,
and there were a large number of service
men and civilians present. After a pro-
gramme of musical items, the Chaplain took
the chair. In an address to the men, he
instanced the good work done by Warrant-
Officer Frank Groves, both in the Home
and on the ships. Mr F. A. Brown, on
behalf of his many friends, presented Mr
Groves with a fine edition of the works of
Mr J. R. Miller, and Mrs Bullen handed
Mr Groves a gold brooch as a token for Mrs
Groves, who is in England.

A Notorious Archbishop.

Nozalea, the notorious Spanish Arch-
bishop, whose extraordinary proclamations
in Manila at the outbreak of the Spanish-
American war made Spain a laughing-stock
to the world, has not ceased from troubling.
A Madrid telegram, dated 17th inst., says:-
The Archbishop-Elect of Valencia, the Domini-
can Friar Nozalea, has taken proceed-
ings in the Courts against *El Liberal* and
several other Madrid papers, on the ground
that their articles censuring his conduct
before and after the surrender of Manila
to the Americans, when he was Archbishop
of Manila, constitute a libel. Senor
Silveira has consented to act as
chief Counsel for the Archbishop.It is now an open secret that the
Vatican has suggested to the Archbishop
the expediency of declining the See of
Valencia, in the interests alike of the
Church and the Monarchy in Spain; and it
is expected that he will do so, after the
Government has demanded him in the
Cortes and after the Courts have pro-
nounced on the libel cases.

His Excellency.

The second performance of 'His Ex-
cellency' by the Amateur Dramatic Com-
pany was given last night at the City Hall.
As before, the house was full, both the
upper circle and the body of the hall. The
piece was equally well-played, and applause
was frequent throughout the evening;
everything going with a swing which was
naturally not perceptible on a first-night
performance. The leading characters per-
formed their parts with more vim than in
the first representation, and some of the
minor parts had improved considerably.The Chorus were more concerted in their
action, and showed praiseworthy efficiency.
Mrs Craddock was clearer in tone and more
self-possessed than before, and her per-
formance was most successful. Mrs Hall
Wright, the liveliest of all the lady repre-
sentatives, was again the soul of the piece,
and she was ably seconded by Mrs Hagen,
who has greatly improved in her acting.
We have seldom heard Mr G. P. Lammert
in better voice, and he also acted well,
while his contem-
porary, Dr Hall Wright, im-
proved upon his first appearance. His
Excellency is always good, and the Regent
was interpreted more successfully than be-
fore.Surgeon-General H. E. Norris, R.N.,
played his part remarkably
well, and the singing with Mr W. J.
Phillips, (Damo Courtland) especially
convulsed the house. Mr Phillips showed
a great improvement in his character of
Damo Courtland. On the previous night,
owing to his having to take the place of
Mrs Mitchell at short notice, he was hardly
sufficiently perfect, but last night his acting and
singing were excellent. Mrs Matland (as
Vivandine) was very pleasing, and gained
a dose of applause for her singing. Most
of the articles showed great improvement,
and their success was gratifying. Although
there is not the same scope in the piece as
in others that have been put on, the most
medical and it is well worth seeing.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New Governor of Victoria.

Sir Reginald Talbot has been appoint-
ed Governor of Victoria. The new Gov-
ernor is a son of the Earl of Shrewsbury
and commanded the Army of Occupation
in Egypt from 1899 to 1903.

Ori kat.

The following will play for the Hockey
Club against the Cricket Club, commen-
cing at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow: - C. P.
Chater, Capt. P. G. Davies, A.O.D., Lt.
Gibson, R.N., T. C. Gray, H. Hancock, J.
Hooper, Surg. Hooley, R.N., Lt. Howard,
R.N., G. P. Lammert, A. Wilson, R.N.,
and A. N. Other.

Japan's Newest Battleships.

A special cable to the *Glasgow Herald*
from Tokyo says that the Japanese Govern-
ment have cabled their acceptance of the
offer of Vickers, Son, and Maxim, Barrow,
and Armstrong, Mitchell, and Co., New-
castle, each for one battleship. The vessels
will be 16,400 tons, and the most power-
fully-armed in the world. Delivery is
stipulated within 18 months, and important
gun innovations are promised.

Shield Tie.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy
Valley the Hongkong Football Club will
play R.M.S. *Ocean*, kick-off quarter past
four. The following will play for the
Club: - F. H. Kaw, goal; H. C. Anstett,
and G. F. Aucutt, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W.
C. Bonnar, and C. T. Kew, halves; W.
H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R. Hancock,
R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby, for-
wards.

Naval Appointments.

The following naval appointments are
gazetted: -
Lieutenants: - C. Asser, to the *Tamar*,
for the *Fame*, in command; H. J. L. Wells,
to the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*, in com-
mand, to date Nov. 17.Sub-Lieutenants: - R. T. Devon, to the
Tamar, for the *Fame*; R. K. Gregory, to
the *Tamar*, for the *Whiting*, to date
Nov. 17.Gunnery: - F. Groves, to the *Tamar*, for
the *Whiting*; G. W. Wilkes, to the *Tamar*,
for the *Fame*, to date Nov. 17.

Band at the Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff
and officers the Band of the 93rd Burma
Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel,
to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 to
9.30 p.m.:-
March..... 'The Rifle Regiment'..... Sousa
Overture..... 'Medusa'..... Stanislav Elliot
Selection..... 'The Song Song'..... By Gode-
frid..... 'The Song Song'..... Molloy
Selection..... 'The Messenger Boy'..... Ivan Caryll
Valse..... 'Rose'..... Margie
Serenade..... 'Love in Idleness'..... Macbeth
GOD SAVE THE KING.

Death of a Lucknow Heroine.

The death is announced of Lady Inglis,
the heroine of Lucknow. As the wife of
the soldier who commanded the brave
garrison after the death of Sir Henry
Lawrence and Major Banks, she was the
central female figure in that brave com-
pany. During that terrible period from
early in July until the arrival of Havelock
and Outram, the Bayard of the East,
towards the end of September, Lady
Inglis played a courageous part in caring
for the wounded and giving a noble lead in
cabin fortitude and strength to the other
ladies of the beleaguered garrison. Her
husband died forty-two years ago, after
being made a K.C.B.

Vicerey Chang Chih-tung.

With reference to the anticipated re-
turn of H.E. Chang Chih-tung to his old
Vicerey of the Hukwang provinces,
which was duly chronicled some time ago
in those 'Notes' (*N. C. Daily News*), a
Wuchang official dispatch states that al-
though His Excellency has already had his
farewell audience of the Throne there is
every probability that, in consequence of
the uncertainty in the North, His Excellency
will have to remain in Peking and be un-
able to leave for the Yangtze until after
the Chinese New Year holidays, or about
the middle of March next. Now that
Japan has declared war against Russia,
however, Vicerey Chang will return South
at once, in order, as already stated by us,
to superintend the Yangtze defences in his
capacity of Vicerey of the Hukwang pro-
vinces. According to late advices from
Wuchang the officials of that city up to
only a few days ago had no idea that His
Excellency would remain in Peking until
after the Chinese New Year holidays, but
thought he would come South by rail as
to take over his seals of office on the 8th
instant (to-day), and to this end Acting
Vicerey Tuan Fang had actually had every-
thing ready to return to his gubernatorial
duties on that day.

Sore Muscles.

The correct treatment of sore muscles
is very simple. First take a good
warm bath before going to bed, and be
sure to rub yourself dry. This opens the
pores. Then rub Chamberlain's Pain
Balm into the muscles, keeping on a good
rubbing for several minutes. If you have
time when you get up in the morning, rub
in some more of the Pain Balm.This cure sore muscles caused by hard
work or severe exercise of any kind.
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remedy of all prominent athletes. It
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TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.]
THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

PORT ARTHUR, QUIET.

Cable to Chefoo Interrupted.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, February 19, 12.3 p.m.Reports from Port Arthur state that
everything has been quiet since the
attack by the Japanese on Sunday.The cable from Port Arthur to
Chefoo was interrupted yesterday.

JAPANESE PREPARING.

Troops to be Landed.

The Japanese are apparently making
preparations to land troops in Man-
churia, to the east and west of Port
Arthur.RUSSIAN SQUADRON CRIP-
PLED.The Russian Squadron in Port Arthur
is almost crippled. The damage done to
some of the vessels is of a very extensive
nature.

YINKOW FIGHT DENIED.

The report of the fight at Chingwan-
tao or Yinkow is officially contradicted
both by the Japanese and by the
Russians.[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
SUTHERLY BY RUSSIA, THE ROMAN.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

RUSSIAN FLEET LEAVES PORT
ARTHUR.

London, February 18.

The London *Standard's* Tientsin
correspondent wires, that a telegram
from Port Arthur states that the
Russian Fleet has put out to sea.

CHINA'S NEUTRALITY.

Summary of the Proclamation.

The following is a summary of
China's proclamation, as published in a
special telegram to the *Chinese Mail* (*Wah
Tei Yat Po*): -The *Wai-wu-pu* has issued a proclama-
tion to the governing Viceroys of all the
provinces to preserve a strict neutrality
in the present conflict between Japan and
Russia. The proclamation forbids the
people of China to interfere in the war in
anyway. No Chinese are allowed to enlist
on either side as soldiers. No merchant
ship belonging to the people is allowed
to go to the belligerent countries; nor to be
engaged, hired, or chartered by them for
the conveyance of ammunition, or for any
warlike purpose. All goods prohibited by
the International Powers as contraband of
war are also prohibited by China, and no
ship is allowed to buy or carry them for Ja-
pan or Russia. The making of war ma-
terials, such as fire-arms, ammunition,
etc., the carrying of official dispatches,
and the lending of money to either of the
belligerents are prohibited. Unless in the
case of storm, all vessels belonging to either
Power that call at Chinese Ports are not
to leave within twenty-four hours, and are not
to be supplied with more coal or food than
is necessary to take them to their destina-
tion, or the nearest port.No news was received by the Naval
authorities to-day with respect to the situ-
ation up north. A general mobilisation of the
troops took place to-day in connection
with the ordinary work of the Military
forces. A rearrangement of the Military
districts has taken place, and an inspection
of the various sections was made by the
General Officer Commanding.

Official War News.

Mr M. Norn, the Japanese Consul,
sends us the following official telegram re-
ceived by him early this morning: -

Tokio, February 18th, 3.50 p.m.

'The Times' correspondent in Peking
reports that Admiral Alexieff is engaged
on the 14th instant on the battleships
Taketchik, *Retzow*, *Potemkin*, and *Svetlo-*
topol, the *Cruisers Novik*, *Pallada* and
Admiral have been disabled.The Russians have in all eleven ships
out of action and declare that fifteen
Japanese men-of-war have been disabled.
They acknowledge that the protected
cruiser *Boyarin* has been slightly damaged.The statement to the effect that some of
the Japanese ships have been disabled is
false, as none of them have suffered.A party of Japanese have been driven
from the railway from near Chingchow.
The Russians admit of seventy killed on
land and eight lost on the battleships, and
the Sultan should grant his armistice for the
passage of the Dardanelles by some of the
Black Sea warships, en route for the Far
East. England will feel keenly justified in
closing against such vessels all the coal por-
ts from the Sea Canal to Hongkong,
and not improbably the same prohibition
would be made applicable to all Russian
steamers going to the Far East, whether
carrying the flag of the *Monarchie* or not.

The Russian Black Sea Fleet.

Odessa, January 12. - In shipping cir-
cles here there is a report current
to-day, to the effect that Russia has
received an indirect intimation that the
Sultan should grant his armistice for the
passage of the Dardanelles by some of the
Black Sea warships, en route for the Far
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would be made applicable to all Russian
steamers going to the Far East, whether
carrying the flag of the *Monarchie* or not.

Russian Naval Prospects.

Odessa, Jan. 14. - I have received the
following communication from a Correspond-
ent at Sebastopol: -'In Naval circles here there is not a
little anxiety excited with regard to the
fighting condition of a considerable num-
ber of the Russian warships now in the
Far East. Scarcely one of the newer
ships sent out from the Baltic during the
last five months was in perfectly complete
fighting trim, and some of them are known
to have serious defects, owing to the hurry
in which they were hustled out of the
builders' hands. The Russian Admiralty,
under pressure from the Asiatic Depart-
ment of the Foreign Office, was anxious
above all things, to make a timely and
numerically imposing array of its Naval
forces in the Yellow Sea, and to that
particular desire a certain amount of re-
sult was achieved, but the fitness of the ships
sent out has been sacrificed.'In this connection it may be also ob-
served that the Russian Fleet is still man-
aged on the old system of 'equipages',
which are constituted more on a military
than a naval basis. A Naval mobilisation
brings together a certain number of less
experienced crew from various equipages
as they exist on a peace footing. The ship's
company is composed of units unused to
each other, and cannot, of course, be ex-
pected to work with the same ease,
precision, and general cohesion as if they
had been trained together. It is to be re-
membered, too, that Russian seamen are
mostly conscripts, whose training com-
mences only when they are twenty or
twenty-one years of age. There can be no
question about the excellent quality of the
Russian material, but it lacks the great
advantages of early training. The Japa-
nese, on the other hand, are recruited
and trained on the British system, and its
officers have a perfect knowledge of oceanic
evolution, which are practically unknown
to the Russian Navy.

A Russian Staff Officer's Opinion.

Kieff, January 14. - From Irkutsk a
Report has reached the Military Staff here
to the effect that a number of Japanese
secret agents have been arrested, and other
suspects are held under close surveillance,
East and West of Khabarovsk and on the
Westward section of the Transbaikalian
portion of the Siberian Railway, whose
mission it was, in case of conflict between
Russia and Japan, to destroy the permanent
way at many different points in order to
prevent, or seriously retard, the despatch
of reinforcements from European Russia to
the Far Eastern front.A Staff officer, who accepts the preceding
report as authentic, to-day quite frankly
expressed to me the opinion that in case
of war, and if the Japanese Fleet were
primarily and significantly successful in smas-
hing Russia's Naval defences, it would
become a very moot question whether
the Russian forces now in the Far East
would be able to withstand the determined
attack of the Japanese Legions landed en
masse, if there were any serious hitch in
the bringing up of reinforcements. My in-
formant said some stress upon the fact that
what there is a conspicuous want of en-
thusiasm among the rank and file of
the Russian Army for the threatened
struggle with Japan, the Japanese Army
and People are imbued to the core with
the same ardent and patriotic impulses.
Russia would be opposed, literally, by a
nation in arms.sentiment of the Russian people is a factor
which animates and emboldens the Japa-
nese is a factor to be very seriously reckoned
with by any antagonist in the field.My Military friend added that, notwith-
standing the momentarily gloomy aspect of
the situation in the Far East, both he and
the majority of his Staff comrades were
still hopeful of a pacific and satisfactory
issue to the presently apparent impasse.

Herr Von Brandt Speaks.

Vienna, Jan. 18. - The *Neu Freie Press*
publishes a further communication from
Herr von Brandt, the former German Min-
ister in Peking, who says: - In the Chinese
War, and in the last Turkish War Russia
astonished the world by the comparatively
insignificant number of troops she was able
to put into the field at the decisive moment.
It remains to be seen whether a similar sur-
prise is in store for the world now.

Russian Advice.

Several Russian organs, including some
of the best, advise the abandonment of
Russia's dream of a new Empire in Asia,
and the

TELEGRAMS.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
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BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA CO.

UNALLOTTED SHARES ISSUED.

LONDON, February 18.

The British South African Company are issuing the balance of their unallotted capital in four hundred thousand shares at 111 on the 16th inst.

The move is made in consequence of the stagnation of trade in South Africa, unfavourable outlay, and diminished receipts for the past year.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

RUSSIAN FINANCE.

LONDON, February 18.

The Russian Government has issued fifty million roubles in Credit Notes.

THE RUSSIAN WAR SHIPS EN ROUTE TO THE FAR EAST.

The Russian warships *Orel*, *Amur*, *Dmitri Donskoi*, and a number of torpedo-boat destroyers have been ordered to remain at Jibuti until further orders.

THE WAR.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that there is a large movement of Japanese troops, covered by cruisers, proceeding to the Gulf of Liaoning, with the object of cutting off the Manchurian railway near Port Arthur.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 17.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that General Ivanoff, the Governor of Turkestan, has been instructed to prepare for possible military action in the direction of India, in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude openly hostile to Russia or attempting any enterprise in Persia or Tibet prejudicial to Russian interests.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Sir Wm. Goddard, Chief Justice.)
Friday, February 19, 1904.

A 'BOY' CHARGED.

Wong Chan, a house boy, formerly in the employ of Mr. H. S. Gaskell, No. 3, Queens Gardens, was charged with stealing \$238.

He pleaded not guilty, and the case was set down for Monday.

ARREST OF SOLEIL A JUV.

Leung Kan and Chan Lai were charged with assault with intent to rob; Leung Kan with intent to do grievous bodily harm; and with common assault on Chau Yow and Chau Chun at Yau-nan on January 21, 1904.

The Attorney General (Sir H. S. Berkeley) prosecuted, and accused were defended by a third man, boarded a junk in Yau-nan Bay, on which the prosecutor and family were living. A fight ensued, during which some cuts were inflicted upon the prosecutor. The prisoners got the worst of it, and jumped overboard, being picked up by a patrol boat. The third man escaped.

Evidence was then led.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the Chief Justice sentenced them to four years' imprisonment with hard labour, and to receive, twenty-four strokes of the birch during the first week of their imprisonment.

ROBBERY AT CHEUNG-SHEWAN.

The Sir was charged with stealing \$400, one pair of breeches and one pair of trousers from Wong Lai Wing and U Fung on August 14, 1903, at Cheung-Shewan.

The Attorney General prosecuted, and accused was defended. He pleaded not guilty and the following jury were sworn:—Messrs J. D. Hall, S. Swart, H. A. Siebs, P. Licker, J. Arnold, A. J. Ellis, and J. H. MacLaren.

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POLO.

CIVILIANS V. CLUB.

The final match in connection with the competition for the Cup presented by H.E. Mr. F. H. May was played yesterday, between the Civilians and the Polo Club, resulting in a win for the Civilians by seven goals to four subsidiaries to one subsidiary.

The teams were as follows:—

Civilians: H. E. Mr. May, Messrs Johnstone, Hastings and Ross.

Polo Club: Captains Knight Light and Nugent, Messrs Knox, R.N., and Gedge.

The umpires were Captain Simpson and Major Strickland, I.M.S.

The game opened very fast and Johnstone scored the first goal for the Civilians.

Shortly after H.E. Mr. May came along and added another goal for his side. After a sharp play Hastings had a shot at goal, but missed, and scored a subsidiary.

Ross followed up and after some cross play with Captain Light he managed to score a goal. Hastings scored another subsidiary for his side before half time.

The Civilians were having all the best of the game and were romping over their opponents. Good play was shown in the second half, Hastings (2) Johnstone (1), and Ross (1) added goals, and Johnstone added a subsidiary for his side, viz., a subsidiary.

The result of the game is that the Cup presented by H.E. Mr. May goes to the Civilian team, of which H.E. Mr. May is a member.

HOME FOOTBALL.

The following are the latest results to hand by the German mail yesterday:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

At Sheffield, Stoke and Sheffield United drew—1 all.

At Birmingham, Aston Villa and Small Heath drew—1 all.

At Bury, Bury (1) beat Sheffield Wednesday (0).

At Newcastle, United (1) beat Everton (0).

At Liverpool, Liverpool (2) beat Sunderland (0).

At Middlesbrough, West Bromwich Albion and Middlesbrough drew—2 all.

At Nottingham, Derby County and Nottingham County drew—2 all.

Sheffield United now lead with 30 points for 22 games, Aston Villa being second with 26 for 22 games, Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester City third with 25 points for 21 games.

In the Second Division, Preston North End are first—34 points for 10 games; Woolwich Arsenal second—29 for 19; and Bolton Wanderers third—26 for 19.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

At Dundee, Dundee (three) beat Partick Thistle (nil).

At Glasgow, Celtic (six) beat Motherwell (nil).

At Glasgow, Port Glasgow Athletic (two) beat Queen's Park (one).

At Glasgow, Glasgow Rangers (three) beat Kilmarnock (nil).

At Paisley, St. Mirren (three) beat Heart of Midlothian (nil).

At Glasgow, Greenock Morton (two) beat Third Lanark (one).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. V. H.M.S. 'OCEAN'.

The Hongkong Football Club were defeated by a team from H.M.S. 'Ocean' by seven points to nil. The game was played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

The teams were as follows:—

Hongkong: W. A. Crake, full back; W. R. Robertson, T. E. Pearce, R. A. Whitmore, and K. A. Selanders, three-quarters; A. G. M. Fletcher and A. B. de Veille, halves; H. C. Sandford (capt.), E. H. Hallifax, P. W. Goldring, E. D. C. Wolfe, Lieut. Strevens, Lieut. D. C. Wolfe, Lieut. Richardson, and Lieut. Duncan, forwards.

H.M.S. 'Ocean': Smith, full back; Jordan, Hargreaves, May, and Poole, three-quarters; Ellis and Dunstan, halves; Rarr, Littleale, Hodge, Jewell, Head, Waldron, Whiddon and Gordon, forwards.

The Ocean won the toss, and Sandford kicked off for the Club. For the opening spell play was confined to the sailor's end, until they relieved the pressure, and carried the ball into the Club's territory. Rowley made a nice run down the touch line, but was forced out. The Club were on the advance and Pearce passed to Robertson. The Ocean rushed the ball over the Club's line, but Robertson touched down in time. Whitmore secured the ball, but did not hold it long. Hargreaves depriving him of it. The latter gained ground, but after some close play in front of the goal, Hodge secured, and beat several opponents, scoring the Ocean's first try (3-0).

After the interval the Club attacked vigorously, but fully passing nullified their attempts. Several times the Club seemed within an ace of scoring, when a 'knock on' or 'pass forward' would stop their march. Hargreaves dropped a fine goal for the Ocean (7-0). Again the Club returned to the attack, and again a 'knock on' recalled them, Robertson being the culprit. Then the Ocean made their way up field, and a pass from a Club man to one of the Ocean players gave the latter an opening. He failed however to make use of it, and no further scoring was done.

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AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AMOY, February 10.

JAPANESE TRANSPORT SERVICE.

The four vessels belonging to the Onaka Shosen Kaisha—*Amping Maru*, *Daijin Maru*, *Daigi Maru*, and *Maiduru Maru*,—have been chartered by the Japanese Government. It will be interesting to see how Formosa is affected by the war. They are replaced by the *Triumph*, *Princeton*, *M. Birney*, and *Tridon*.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MATTERS.

At the instance of the Council several measures are being adopted to rid the island of the superfluous unowned dogs that have long been a great pest, and the British Constable has done good service in aiding them to 'shoo off this mortal coil.' No less than 60 were shot in one week, for all dogs that are found with no collar on are liable at any moment to be thus hurried out of the world. It is of course possible that some of these had owners, but they have paid the penalty of their masters' carelessness in not providing the dogs with protecting collars. Foreigners and Chinese alike had ample warning of the risk they ran.

AFForestation.

Praiseworthy efforts are also being made to beautify our little island by the planting of trees, as has been done for years at the Government House. The days gone by the Road Committee did a good deal in this way, and some parts of our roads are pleasantly shaded in summer time, since the trees have grown bigger. I hear that 600 Olive trees are to be planted in various directions, so if only one half of these take root and live it will be a lasting benefit.

A NEW MARKET.

One of the improvements promised as soon as practicable is a new Market, for the sale of meat, fish, fruit, and vegetables. If this can be brought about, the market year it will meet a want, and aid inspection that is so needed by the Foreign Community as to escape epidemics. On the Amoy side, close to the premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, near to the water's edge, some enterprising Chinese merchants have built quite a large market, on the same parallel streets with two rows of stalls, one on each side, each stall divided from the next by a wooden partition. The total cost was not less than \$15,000, and the 60 stalls are nearly all let by this time. It is fully equipped to be ready for use early in the new year.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

At last efforts are being made to clear away the rubbish from the Amoy streets, which has remained there in many parts ever since the disastrous fire of October 1902. Most of the houses and shops then demolished have been rebuilt, but the work of clearing the roads has been left, Chinese like, to the last. They have a genius for putting the cart before the horse, and generally seem to do things upside down.

He plans for the new Church at Tak-Chiu Kna, to replace the one burnt down last year, and now out of the fair to be an ornament to the city. The total cost is being defrayed thus, one half from the Chinese Christians, and the other half from the American Missionary Society.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

London, February 2.—Parliament was opened to-day.

The King, in his speech from the Throne, said:—

'I have watched with concern the course of the Russo-Japanese negotiations. The disturbances of peace could not but have deplorable consequences, and any assistance my Government can give to promote a pacific solution will be gladly afforded.'

'My relations with foreign Powers continue satisfactory, and I trust the Anglo-French Arbitration Treaty will promote recourse to arbitration in international disputes. Apart from the intrinsic value of the agreement, it is a happy illustration of the friendly feelings between the two countries, whereby striking proofs were given during my visit to France and President Loubet's visit to Great Britain, and the recent exchange of courtesies. Similar agreements are in course of negotiation with Italy and the Netherlands.'

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LONDON, &c.	Clisson, W. B. PALMER, R.N.R.	Noon, 27th February.	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI.	Coromandel, G. M. MONTFORD, R.N.R.	About 28th February.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON & ANTWERP, Via S'pore, P'ago, C'bo, Port Said & Marseilles.	Spectra, C. J. BENTON, R.N.R.	About 3rd March.	Freight only.

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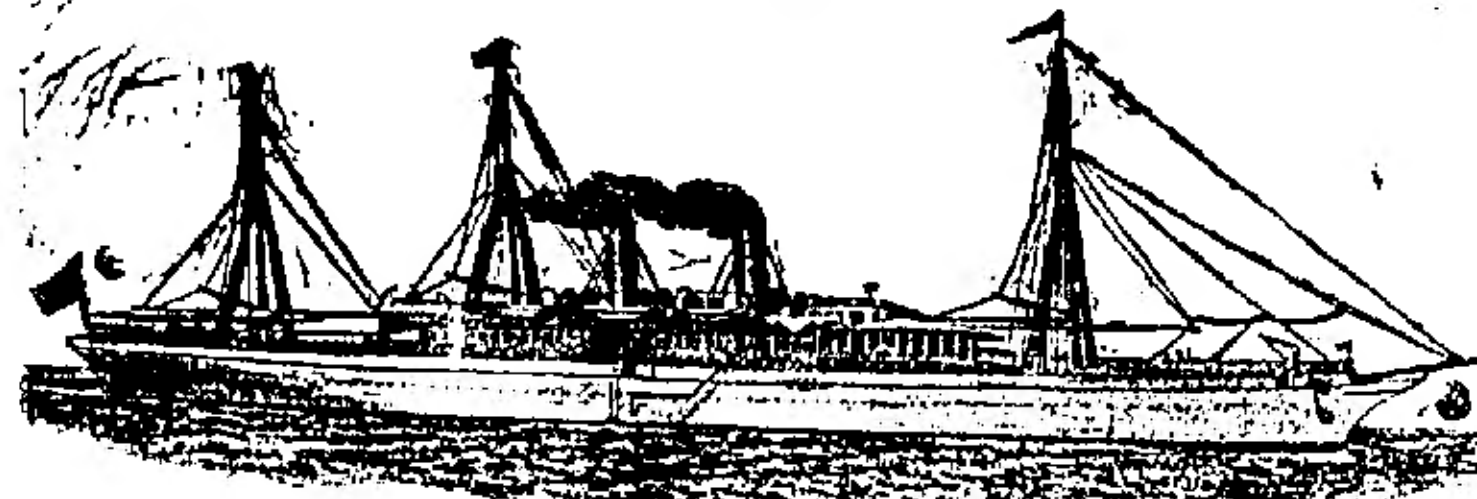
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TAKAO (DIRECT)	PROMETHEUS, Capt. LEBERHOFF	MONDAY, Feb. 22, at 10 a.m.
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	TRIUMPH, A. HANSEN	SATURDAY, 27th February, at 10 a.m.

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MENELAUS	27th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	RUFES	4th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MACHAON	6th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TELMACHUS	12th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL.	KEKUN	20th Feb. Noon.
LONDON AND ANTWERP	MOYNE	1st March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	15th March.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL.	AJAX	20th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAK LING	20th March.

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YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	KANBU	24th February.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SHANTUNG	28th February.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	CHIELI	1st March.
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PRINZ HEINRICH ... | ... | WEDNESDAY, 13th April. |

OLDENBURG ... | ... | WEDNESDAY, 27th April. |

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